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Letter dated 26 January 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the communiqué of the meeting held in Abidjan on 18 January 2006 between the current Chairperson of the African Union, President Obasanjo of Nigeria, and the Ivorian authorities (see annex).

As you are aware, this communiqué has helped to restore calm to the country after days of demonstrations following the decision of the International Working Group not to extend the mandate of the National Assembly.

I should be grateful if would arrange for this letter and its annex to be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 26 January 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Côte d'Ivoire to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Communiqué

A meeting was held today, Wednesday, 18 January 2006, between the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, His Excellency Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, current Chairperson of the African Union, and His Excellency Mr. Laurent Gbagbo, President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.

In addition to the two Heads of State, the meeting was also attended by:

- The Prime Minister, Mr. Charles Konan Banny,
- The Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Pierre Schori,
- The Special Representative of the Mediator of the African Union, Mr. Silumko Sokupa,
- The Representative of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Community of West African States, Mr. Ralph Uwechue.

The meeting took note of paragraph 11 of resolution 1633 (2005) of the United Nations Security Council and of the end of the mandate of the National Assembly on 16 December 2005. The meeting also took note of the consultations between the President of the Republic and the Prime Minister on the subject of the National Assembly and decided as follows:

1. That the International Working Group does not have the authority to dissolve the National Assembly;

2. That the International Working Group did not dissolve the National Assembly at the conclusion of its meeting on 15 January 2006;

3. To invite the President of the Republic and the Prime Minister to continue their consultations with a view to reaching a political solution in the days ahead;

4. That this solution will be communicated to the nation and to the International Working Group;

5. That President Obasanjo, the President of the Republic and the Prime Minister should urge the population to get off the streets and return to their homes;

6. That the President of the Republic and the Prime Minister should call on the population throughout the national territory to return to work as of tomorrow, 19 January 2006.

The President of the Republic, the Prime Minister, the heads of national institutions and the Government wish to express their gratitude to President Obasanjo for his unwavering commitment to the resolution of the situation in Côte d'Ivoire.

Done in Abidjan, 18 January 2006